

PRAY • REVIEW

Review

What is the Bible?

A LIBRARY FOCUSED ON JESUS.

Why can we trust it?

IT IS ESTABLISHED BY THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS AND TRANSMITTED METICULOUSLY.

How can we understand it?

LEARN THE RULES • RECEIVE THE HOLY SPIRIT • OBEY INCREMENTALLY

How can we apply it?

JESUS > ALL → NT > OT → CLEAR > VAGUE → PRINCIPLES > SITUATIONS

Tricky Bits

TRICKY BITS WITH BUCK DENVER

How do we reconcile the Bible with Science?

1. The Bible contains more good science than any ancient text.
2. The Bible makes claims that are outside the realm of science.
3. Uncertainty in one part of the Bible doesn't negate the clarity of other parts.

How do we reconcile the Bible with modern morality?

1. Actually, God always opposed slavery.
2. Actually, God considers all life to be sacred.
3. Modern morality is based on Jesus' morality.
4. BUT, modern morality ignores holiness.

How did you come up with those answers?

THE HARDEST QUESTIONS ARE NOT ANSWERED BY ANY SINGLE PASSAGE OR ANY SINGLE TEACHING.

1. Pull together the relevant passages.
2. Apply the study principles to each passage.
3. Assemble an idea.
4. Share your idea and learn from others.

Working an Example

Does the Bible suppress women?

Some Relevant Passages:

1 Timothy 3:2 • Titus 1:6 • 1 Timothy 2:12-13 • 1 Corinthians 11:3-16
Judges 4:8-10 • Mark 16:1-2 • Matthew 28:8-9

Applying the Study Principles:

BOTH NARRATIVE AND DIDACTIC • HOW GOD INTERACTS WITH US, HOW WE REPRESENT HIM

Jesus: He appointed 12 men but also elevated the importance of women.

OT & NT: Both consistently show a preference for male leadership.

Clear: God calls men to lead.

Vague: Women should sometimes step up... but when?

Principle: God made a biological male first and then a female.

Principle: There's an eternal pattern of leadership & submission.
Father → Son → male → female → children

Principle: Male/female distinctions should be represented in practical, visible, culturally relevant ways.

Assemble an Idea:

God made humans male and female to represent himself in visible and practical ways including how churches and families should be led.

Learn from others:

SOME PEOPLE AGREE WITH ME AND SOME PEOPLE DON'T!

Bonus:

JESUS NEVER DIRECTLY TAUGHT ON THIS TOPIC, SO THEREFORE IT IS NOT CENTRAL.

Conclusion:

Make a **BIBLICAL** decision and give each other **GRACE**.